

Waata

The **Waata** (Waat, Watha), or **Sanye**, are an Oromo-speaking people of Kenya and former hunter-gatherers. They share the name *Sanye* with the neighboring Dahalo.

The current language of the Waata may be a dialect of Orma or otherwise Southern Oromo. However, there is evidence that they may have shifted from a Southern Cushitic language, a group that includes Dahalo.^[3]

See also

- Degere

External links

- www.watha.org (<http://www.watha.org/>)

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Waata	
	Sanye
Native to	Kenya
Region	Lamu District, Tana River
Native speakers	13,000 (2009 census) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cushitic ▪ Lowland East ▪ Oromoid ▪ Oromo ▪ Southern Oromo? ▪ Waata
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	ssn
Glottolog	waat1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/waat1238) ^[2]

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